

## City of Asheville, NC

### CDBG-R Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME Programs.

June 5, 2009

i. Description of the activities, any other Recovery Act funding to be used in conjunction with each activity and total activity budget from all funding sources.

See Spreadsheet attached as Exhibit A

The electronic version of the completed spreadsheet will be submitted to CDBG-R@hud.gov.

ii. Description of how the distribution and uses of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of the Recovery Act

**Tier II Emergency Home Repair, \$75,000.** Sub-recipient: Mountain Housing Opportunities (MHO). MHO facilitates the extensive repair of homes owned by very-low and low-income, special need households. The maximum investment per home is \$15,000. MHO coordinates weatherization activities with Community Action Opportunities; the repairs facilitated by MHO enable weatherization activities to be allowable and effective. MHO has a waiting list of households needing this assistance, and will be able to immediately implement the CDBG-R activities. Local building contractors are being informed of the program, and MHO will assist those who need help obtaining DUNS and CCR numbers.

**Weed and Seed Weatherization Program, \$75,000.** Sub-recipient: Western North Carolina Green Building Council (WNCGBC). WNCGBC will market and facilitate weatherization for 60 low-income households in the West Riverside area of Asheville. They will partner in this program with the Community Action Opportunities Weatherization program. Marketing of the program will begin immediately upon funding.

**Mountain BizCapital, \$26,000.** Mountain BizCapital is a revolving loan fund for start-up businesses. Entrepreneurs are trained by Mountain BizWorks, which also administers the RLF. Education and training are ongoing, producing an ongoing pool of start-up business applications for the Revolving Loan Fund.

**City of Asheville, \$123,648.** The City of Asheville will use these funds to contract for a sidewalk serving a lower-income neighborhood in the City. 40% of residents of that neighborhood do not own cars, and must currently walk along a road with no sidewalks to schools, jobs, shopping and public transportation. All rights-of-way for the section of sidewalk to be built with CDBG-R funds have been obtained, and the City is prepared to contract for this work upon completion of the environmental review, which is underway. While the funding for this activity will not be expended by June 17, it meets the spirit of the Act in its readiness to proceed.

**City of Asheville, \$33,294: Program Administration.**

Section iii	Tier II Emergency Repair	Asheville Green Opportunities (GO)	Mountain BizCapital	City of Asheville N. Louisiana Street Sidewalks
(A) Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;	Will preserve or create construction jobs with small scale building contractors	Will train and place at least 18 lower income youth in paid apprenticeships	Directly supports the creation of at least one job.	Construction jobs will be created or preserved.
(B) Assisting those most impacted by the recession;	Will provide direct assistance to lower income homeowners with special needs, having the least ability to earn additional income and most affected by rising energy costs	Will directly assist those with least employment options with training and direct placement	Many of the start-up businesses assisted by this fund arise from persons who have lost their jobs	Lower income neighborhood will be assisted
(C) Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;	Will improve homes so that weatherization activities are possible, and will leverage weatherization	Most youth will work directly in "green" businesses that are thriving	Start-ups assisted by the fund have perceived extensive education and are well-positioned for economic survival	Sidewalk construction will increase resident access to employment opportunities
(D) Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long term economic benefit	No impact	No impact	No impact	Investment in basic infrastructure will provide long-term benefit to neighborhood
(E) Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or	will ensure safe homes	No impact	No impact	
(F) Fostering energy independence.	will reduce energy use in homes of lower-income special needs households	Most youth will work directly in energy-conservation and alternative energy businesses	Possible impact depending on nature of business assisted	Will lessen need for private automobile ownership

<b>Section iv</b>	<b>Tier II Emergency Repair</b>	<b>Asheville Green Opportunities (GO)</b>	<b>Mountain BizCapital</b>	<b>City of Asheville N. Louisiana Street Sidewalks</b>
Jobs to be created or retained	5 construction jobs will be created or retained	18 jobs will be created	1 job will be created	3 construction jobs will be created or retained.
<b>Section v</b>				
Promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions	Will promote energy conservation by ensuring that a minimum of 5 homes will be weatherized	Will place most of the trained youth in apprenticeships with businesses engaged in green-building technologies	Potential use of funds in business that will be green-building related	Will encourage more use of public transportation, resulting in reduced pollution emissions

vi. Information on how to contact grantee program administrators, so that citizens and other interested parties know who to contact for additional information.

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Citizen Participation:

This plan has been published on the City of Asheville website beginning May 18, 2009. It will remain on the website until the approval of the Action Plan Substantial Amendment (the Plan). A summary of the Plan is being posted at Asheville's public libraries concurrent with publication on the web site. The plan has been translated to Spanish, that version has also been posted on the web site, and a news release in Spanish has been sent to the area Spanish language newspaper.

In accord with the City of Asheville Citizen Participation Plan, the Asheville City Council will hold a public hearing at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 26, 2009.

All citizen comments will be included in the Plan submitted to HUD.

vii. A signed standard federal form SF-424, and signed certifications as specified in section II.H. of this notice.

Attached.